(*d*) the steps the Government proposes to take to prevent heavy leakage in collection of sales tax ?

Sri M. Y. GHORPADE (Minister for Finance).—

(*a*) The question is under consideration of Government.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) Does not arise.

(*d*) The Intelligance and Vigilance Wings of the Commercial Taxes Department have been given instructions :

(i) to conduct inspection of business premises.

(ii) to keep a close watch on the clandestine movement of goods.

DEVELOPMENT OF INLAND FISHERIES

95. Sri B. SATHYANARAYANA SINGH (Hospet).—

Will the Minister of State for Fisheries be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the steps taken by the Government to develop Inland Fisheres ;

(*b*) the amount earmarked for this purpose for the current year ;

(*c*) the schemes proposed for development of fisheries at Tungabhadra Reservoir ?

Sri K. T. RATHOD (Minister of State for Fisheries).—

(*a*) The following steps have been taken by the Government for the development of inland fisheries in the State—

(1) Inland fishery development work which, at the time of the Reorganisation of States was confined to a few districts in the State has been progressively expanded to cover all the districts in the State.

(2) Under the scheme for fish seed production, rearing and distribution, improvement of fish breeding techniques has been introduced and the production of fish seed has been progressively increased year after year. The quantity of fish fingerlings produced, stocked in inland waters and supplied to farmers has been steadify increased.

(3) Under the scheme for construction of fish nurseries and regional fish farms, facilities for breeding fish and making available fish seed for stocking have been increased by expanding existing fish farms and construction of new fish farms at suitable places. Notable

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among these are the fish farms at Tungabhadra Dam, Vani Vilas Sagar, Shantisagar, Neerasagar, etc. Under the Bhadra Project the construction of what will ultimately be the biggest fish farm in South India has been taken up.

(4) Under another scheme the development and exploitation of five reservoirs in the State has been taken up. These reservoirs are being intensively stocked with improved variety of fish seed for enriching their fishery.

(5) Since most of the tanks are situated in the villages intensive development of fisheries in the village tanks has been taken up through the Community Development Blocks. The Applied Nutrition programme has been taken up in 78 blocks covering 475 Village Panchayats. Under this programme, 92.5 lakhs of fish fingerlings have been stocked, covering an area of 24,000 acres, 60,000 kgs. of fish were harvested and 17,700 kgs. of fish were supplied for the feeding programme. Taluk Boards were assisted to set up fish nurseries at Taluk Headquarters for facilitating rearing and storage of fish seed for supply to Panchayats and farmers.

(6) Panchayats, Taluk Boards and other institutions like Co-operatives are encouraged and induced to take up stocking and development of fisheries in village tank.

(7) Under the scheme for Fisheries Education and Training two schools for fisher children have been started in inland areas and two centres for training fishermen and others in fish cultural practices and deep water fishing techniques, have been opened.

(8) Fishermen are being organised into Co-operatives and they are being assisted through lease of fishery rights, managerial assistance, share capital contribution and supply of fishery requisites on loan and subsidy. They are also being rehabilitated in certain areas through economic aid, house sites and assistance for construction of houses.

	Name of the schemes	*Amount Rs.*
(*b*) 1	Fish seed production, rearing and distribution ..	4,00,000
2	Establishment of regional fish seed production farms ..	2,00,000
3	Applied Nutrition Programme and Intensive Development of Fisheries in C.D. Blocks ..	8,00,000*
		3,00,000*
		11,00,000

* Grant in Aid

	Name of the schemes	*Amount Rs.*
5	Development and Exploitation of Reservoir and Lake Fisheries ..	2,00,000
6	Construction of Fish nurseries ..	7,00,000
7	Fisheries education and training ..	2,50,000
8	Organisation of fisheries co-operatives and grant of financial assistance and marketing ..	2,00,000
9	Supply of fishery requisites ..	1,00,000
10	Fishermen's welfare programme ..	1,00,000
	Total ..	32,50,000

(*c*) The development and exploitation of the fishery of the Tungabhadra Reservoir has been taken up through the Tungabhadra Board which is a joint participation of the Government of Mysore and Andhra Pradesh.

A fish farm has been constructed at Tungabhadra Dam and intensive production of fish seed has been taken up in this farm. The Tungabhadra Reservoir is being systematically stocked with steadily increasing quantities of fingerlings of sutaible varieties of fish breed at the farm. The fishing in the reservoir is regulated by issue of licences. In order to help preserve the catches from the reservoir for transport and marketing, an ice plant and cold storage has been set up. A fish-net making plant has also been set up.

It is proposed to step up the stocking of the reservoir and for this purpose expand the fish farm and further intensify the seed production in the farm.

MODEL PILOT CROP INSURANCE SCHEME

97. Sri B. SATHYANARAYANA SINGH (Hospet).—

Will the Minister for Agriculture and Forests be pleased to state:—

(*a*) the present stage of the Model Pilot Crop Insurance Scheme and the Bill Proposed in that behalf;

(*b*) whether the Model Pilot Crop Insurance Scheme was implemented in any of the districts of Mysore State previously and if so, the results of the same;

(*c*) whether the Government intend to move the Government of India to implement the above scheme as early as possible in all the dry belts of the State?